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Check YOUR war jobs

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- Small neighborhood meetings are the self-starters for many co-op and wartime jobs that need to be done. You can hold meetings at your house or a neighbor's.
- Collect metal scrap, rubber, and other salvage materials, as Uncle Sam may request them for our war needs. Your co-op truck will pick it up.
- Use electricity for greater production and better conservation of the essential foods such as dairy and meat products, eggs, and vegetables. Wise planning saves labor and electricity.
- Your electrical equipment must last for the duration. Use it, care for it, and repair it properly.
- Planned sharing of available equipment multiplies its wartime usefulness. Pool your autos, trucks, farm machinery, electric washers and other appliances, and repair shop facilities.
- Simple homemade equipment can do many jobs and save vital metals if built according to approved plans and inspected for safety. Your REA co-op office can tell you what and how.
- To be good cooperators and safeguard your investment in your light and power business, you must take an active part in co-op affairs, attend the annual meeting, help to elect trustees, do volunteer committee work, read the co-op newsletter, by-laws, and other publications.

- Voluntary line patrol and quick reporting of outages and other troubles will save the tires of your co-op truck, keep service continuous, maintenance costs low.
- Self-meter-reading and self-billing take only a few minutes of your time each month, and save miles of travel. Prompt payment of your bill will save you and your co-op expense and extra work.
- It is the patriotic duty of young and old to keep fit and healthy. Every farm family should know, grow and use the "protective" foods that spell good nutrition.
- Your community needs your effort to ensure adequate protection in an emergency. See your local OCD office or War Board for work in first aid, air raid observation, Red Cross and other home front activities.
- There's a spot in every budget for war savings stamps and bonds. They're a good insurance for democracy and a profitable investment.

If your answer to each of these questions is "Yes," you are fulfilling your duties as a co-op member and as a citizen.

Your War Duty Checklist

ARE you—

Yes No

1. Meeting with your neighbors to plan your co-op wartime jobs? - - - - -
2. Collecting and turning over to proper authorities all the scrap you can? - - - - -
3. Making every kilowatt you use do a real war job? - - - - -
4. Taking the best possible care of your electrical equipment? - - - - -
5. Sharing equipment with your neighbors? - - - - -
6. Making full use of "make-it-yourself" plans? - - - - -
7. Keeping well informed on your co-op and working loyally for its success? - - - - -
8. Doing all you can to keep your section of the co-op line in working order? - - - - -
9. Cooperating with your co-op office by getting meter cards and payments in on time? - - - - -
10. Making sure your family gets enough of the "protective" foods needed for health plus? - - - - -
11. Taking an active part in civilian defense activities? - - - - -
12. Putting at least 10 per cent of your family income into War Bonds? - - - - -

THE outcome of this war will determine our future. It will determine whether American farm people will be allowed to continue their own voluntary associations, such as REA cooperatives, to meet their economic needs in the democratic way, or whether they will see co-ops smashed as they were in the nations under the Axis whip.

That is why you, Mr. and Mrs. REA Co-op member, have a special interest in winning this war.

Read these 12 ways in which you can work with and through your co-operative to win the war. Then check your list of war jobs.

Are you doing all you can?

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